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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 25th March 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Music Institutes

* 152 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps, if any, taken by the Government to encourage the starting of Music Institutes by qualified diploma-holders in music; and

(*b*) the conditions for State recognition of such Institutes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: As a matter of general policy, Government have decided not to recognise Music Schools. As such, the question of encouraging the establishment of Music Schools does not, therefore, arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Sir, may I know why the Government have decided not to encourage the starting of such an institute? On the other hand, may I request the Government to consider the question of giving State grants for such purposes to encourage Fine Arts and Music?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the difficulty arises in regard to the conditions under which it should be recognised. Music is an art to be learnt under a very well qualified exponent of music. Once we start giving recognition, difficulties would arise particularly when all sorts of persons come forward to start music schools and spoil the quality and standard of music.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: In the circumstances stated by the Hon. Minister, will the Government start their own institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have got a college and I think this should be left completely to private effort and I do not think music can be properly taught in a school as such.

Modern Indian languages

* 153 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. V. Ramaswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any circular from the Central Government for sending proposals regarding financial assistance for development of modern Indian languages; and

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(*b*) if so, the proposal sent or proposed to be sent by the Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The following three schemes relating to 'Tamil' have been recommended to the Government of India for financial assistance for the year 1959–60 :—

1. Publication of certain select Tamil manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras and Dr. V. Swaminatha Iyer Library, Adyar.

2. Publication of an English-Tamil Dictionary undertaken by the University of Madras; and

3. Financial assistance for the Scientific Journal 'Kalai Kathir' towards meeting the deficit sustained in its publication.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : What are the languages that come under "Modern Indian Languages"?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All Indian languages which are in use in India.

Manual Training Instructors

* 154 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Manual Training Instructors in Government Schools on the scale of Rs. 60—4—100; and

(*b*) the minimum qualification prescribed for appointment to such posts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement * is laid on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are there any instructions from the Government that such teachers with similar qualifications in aided institutions are not eligible for this scale of Rs. 60—4—100?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Here I do not have that information.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly assure me that if there are teachers with similar qualifications in aided institutions which are paying Government scales of pay to other teachers, they also would be eligible for this scale of pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of the conditions prevailing in aided institutions and so, I do not think that I can give an immediate answer.

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* Printed as Appendix I on page 570 infra.